

UK road safety mixed results

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- Emergency braking system marked out as key future safety tech
- Police to use remote stopping and tracking on autonomous cars
- Young driver Green Paper unlikely ahead of next year's election

Hi-tech future will bring be



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AE THE rapid growth of technology will be a help and hindrance to road safety over the next five to 10 years, say safety bosses and researchers. But any Government Green Paper on improving young driver safety has been pushed back ahead of the 2015 General Election.

Talking at the UK Road Safety Summit, roads minister Robert Goodwill (right) and shadow roads minister Richard Burden both marked out autonomous emergency braking (AEB) as a key factor in future road safety. However, Richard Cuerden of the Transport Research Laboratory warned that MoT testing will need to keep up with the rise of this kind of tech as garages ensure systems such as AEB are working correctly.

One thing missing from the summit was the Green Paper on young driver safety and graduated licences. These seem to have become less of a priority, and one

ROAD SAFETY FACT

DRIVER deaths have fallen from 1,432 in 1990 to only 542 in 2012. These are expected to drop to 380 by 2030

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MORE than 300,000 road users will be killed or injured on UK roads between 2015 and 2030

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THE number of children aged up to 15 years old killed increased from 55 in 2010 to 61 in 2012

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Pedestrian deaths and casualties both saw a small rise from 405 and 5,200 to 420 and 5,559 respectively, in the two-year period from 2010 to 2012



Call for £5

A GOVERNMENT cash incentive for motorists who buy cars with autonomous emergency braking (AEB) technology could save 60 lives and cut serious injuries by up to 760 in just three years.

That's according to the insurance industry's automotive research centre, Thatcham. It claims that this figure would increase to 1,220 lives saved and 136,000 casualties avoided over 10 years.

The research body is calling for the Government to introduce